GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1723
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INDIAN SEED INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Seed Industry Association has requested the Union Government tobuy the seed technology and source them through agricultural research system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the multinational companies are gradually monopolizing the country`s seed market;

(d) if so, whether any remedial steps have been taken by the Union Government in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government have any proposal to bring amendments to the draft Seeds Act, 2000; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Indian Seed Industry Association has requested the Government ofIndia to buy technology from abroad and make it available to the seed industry on payment of royalty.

(c): No, Sir.

(d)&(e): The private seed industry is free to approach banks and financial institutions to raise the requisite capital to purchase seed technology for its commercial use.

(f): Yes, Sir.

(g): Government propose to amend the Seeds Act in order to be able to regulate the quality ofall types of seeds and to provide for more stringent penalties for infringement.